

## Zeckendorf Will Push Development Of Tarrant Land Site Despite Suit

Legal action of an alleged jilted partner in the multi-million dollar Tarrant County land development won't affect plans for the project, developer says.

Milton L. Stern of Toronto claims that, under an agreement with Real Estate Operator William Zeckendorf, he was to have been a partner in the venture.

He filed suit Tuesday in 95th District Court in Dallas seeking a temporary restraining order against the development.

Defendants will be asked to show why the order should not be issued at a hearing at 9:30 a. m. Jan. 20.

"We have no moral nor legal obligation to the man whatso-

ever," Zeckendorf told the Star-Telegram by telephone from New York.

"He doesn't have a leg to stand on," agreed Angus Wynne Jr.

Others named by Stern as de-

fendants are William Zeckendorf

Jr. of New York and Toddie Lee

Wynne Sr., Jack Barr Jr. and

A. W. Walker Jr., all of Dallas.

Stern stated in his petition that

he obtained options on some of

the land within the limits of the

proposed development Sept. 15,

1955.

He said he asked Webb & Knapp Realty Company, owned

by the elder Zeckendorf, to join

him in the venture.

Stern's petition states he re-

ceived a letter of intention from Zeckendorf Sr. Oct. 5, 1955.

Stern told the Star-Telegram he held either title, contracts or

options on 3,081 acres and that

he planned to increase that to

around 6,000 acres.

He said plans announced by

Zeckendorf Sr. are like those he

initiated.

Stern said he and Zeckendorf

Sr. never had a written contract

but that he considered the letter

of intention binding.

Zeckendorf said "we never

made a deal with him" and ex-

pressed wonder at Stern's claims

in connection with purchase of

2,500 acres of land from Paul

Waggoner Tuesday.

Stern, who said he was reared

in Texas and is a graduate of

the University of Texas, identi-

fied himself as president of

Texas Industrial Ventures Inc.,

North American Corporation Con-

sultants Ltd. and World Wide

Leasholds Ltd.

He said he felt damaged by the

Tuesday land transaction —

largest in Tarrant County's his-

tory.

The development of an indus-

trial park on the tract, plus pos-

sibly 2,000 to 3,000 acres to the

south of it, is expected to be fi-

nanced equally by Zeckendorf, a

Dallas group and Fort Worth in-

vestors.

Zeckendorf Jr. said Tuesday

that planning would take four to

six months, then a distribution

warehouse with up to 1,000,000

square feet of floor space would

be built for lease.

## ELEPHANTS MAKE HAY WHILE OWNERS FACE 8-TON PROBLEM

LAREDO, Jan. 11 (P)—Lucy and Dixie, two lady elephants who together tip the scales at 15,300 pounds, are munching their hay alongside cattle at the Union Stockyards while their owners try to figure a way to get them across the Rio Grande.

The 45-year-old Lucy and the 65-year-old Dixie, en route to a Mexico City circus, were left here by a van from the Kelly & Miller Brothers Circus winter headquarters at Hugo, Okla.

The original plan was to transfer them to a truck being sent from Mexico City but the elephants' owners found themselves at odds with a Texas truck license law.

The Mexico City truck, now in Nuevo Laredo across the river, can't cross the border without buying expensive Texas license plates. So far custom brokers haven't been able to engage a Texas truck with the necessary licenses to cross the border that is big enough to take the elephants across the pontoon bridge.

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